

## **COUNCIL ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION NEWS RELEASE**

Release Date: May 9, 2008  
Contact: Sue Patrick  
Phone: 502-573-1555 ext. 308  
Cell: 502-330-6596  
[Sue.Patrick@ky.gov](mailto:Sue.Patrick@ky.gov)

### **COUNCIL SETS ANNUAL TUITION RATES**

(FRANKFORT, Ky.)-- The Council on Postsecondary Education set annual tuition and mandatory fees for the state's public colleges and universities at a meeting earlier today in Frankfort.

The Council has statutory responsibility to determine tuition rates at Kentucky's public institutions.

The Council accepted rates as requested by five of the institutions and moderated requested increases at four.

"These tuition increases help balance our growing concerns about access and affordability with the need for additional resources to advance the state's higher education reform goals, including doubling the number of graduates with four-year degrees," stated John Hayek, the council's interim vice president for finance.

Increasingly, Kentucky's families are committing a larger percentage of their incomes to pay for college. Data reviewed by the Council indicate that college is becoming less affordable in Kentucky. Undergraduate tuition rates at state institutions in Kentucky increased 10 percent on average per year over the past 10 years and 12 percent on average per year over the past five years.

Tuition revenue at Kentucky's public institutions currently generates more than \$1 billion per year, an amount roughly equal to the total institutional state appropriations amount.

New annual tuition and mandatory fees for undergraduate resident students are listed below.

- Eastern Kentucky University-\$6,080, an increase of \$398 or 7 percent. The request was \$6,138.
- Kentucky State University-\$5,692, an increase of \$372 or 7 percent. The request was \$5,746.
- Morehead State University-\$5,670 per year, an increase of \$390 or 7.4 percent. The request was \$5,670.
- Murray State University-\$5,748 per year, an increase of \$330 or 6.1 percent. The request was \$5,748.
- Northern Kentucky University-\$6,528, an increase of \$576 or 9.68 percent. The request was \$6,528.
- University of Kentucky
  - Lower division-\$7,736, an increase of \$640 or 9 percent. The request was \$7,736.
  - Upper division-\$7,960, an increase of \$658 or 9 percent. The request was \$7,960.
- University of Louisville-\$7,564, an increase of \$624 or 9 percent. The request was \$7,564.
- Western Kentucky University-\$6,930, an increase of \$513 or 8 percent. The request was \$6,984.
- Kentucky Community and Technical College System-\$3,630, an increase of \$180 (\$6 per credit hour) or 5.2 percent. The request was \$3,900.

To read a summary of the analysis, please visit the Council's meeting agenda at

<http://www.cpe.ky.gov/about/cpe/meetings/2008/May9CPEMtgAgenda.htm>

Kentucky is in the middle of the most dramatic economic and social transformation in its history. *Double the Numbers: Kentucky's Plan to Increase College Graduates* explains that increasing bachelor's degrees is the quickest, most direct way for Kentucky to increase its economic prosperity. College graduates earn more, are healthier, create a more robust economy, and enjoy a higher quality of life. The Double the Numbers plan outlines five statewide strategies for Kentucky to achieve this ambitious, but achievable goal. While this effort will not be easy, the benefits of Doubling the Numbers will be felt by all Kentuckians.